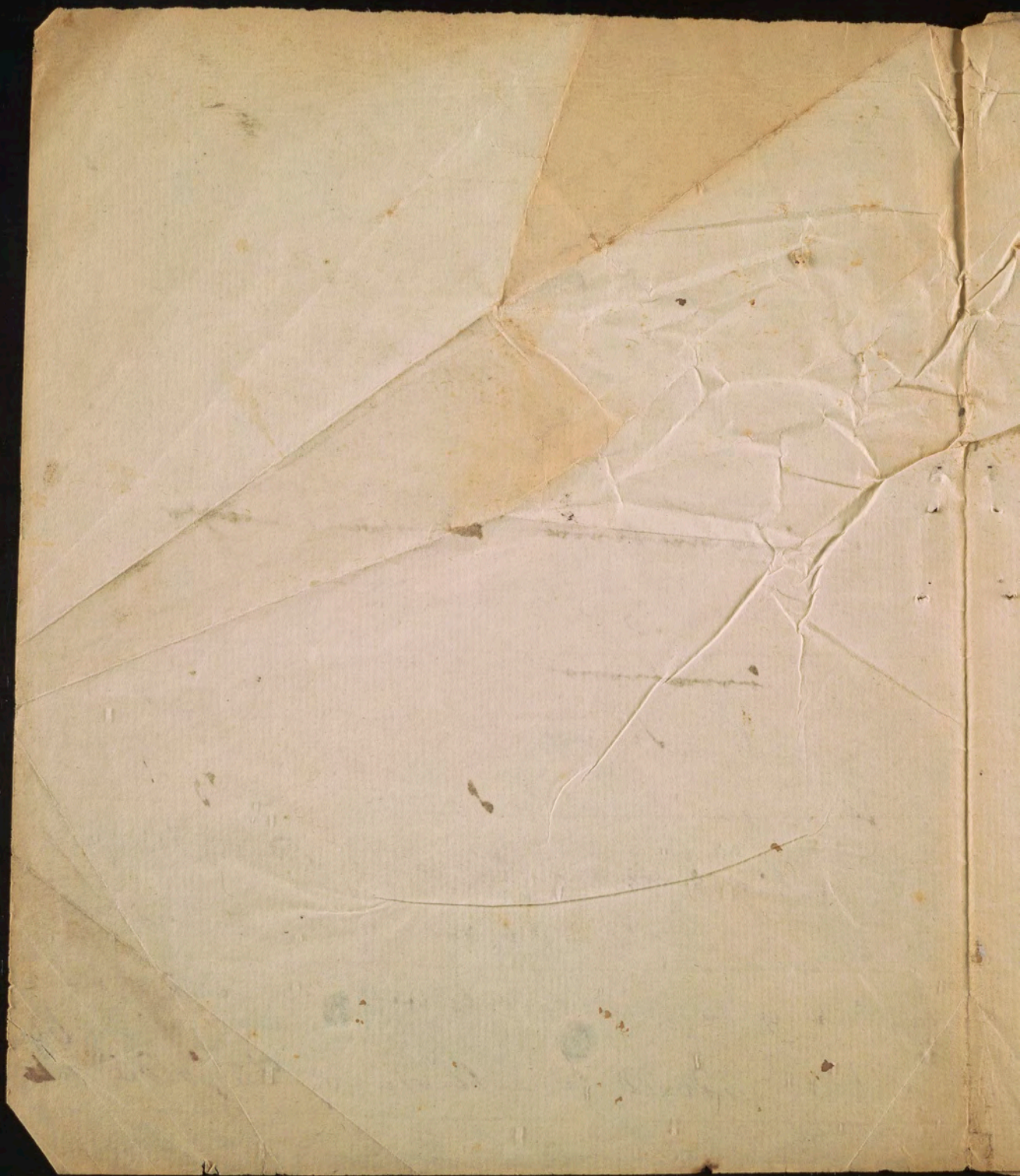


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on the Sail, Ship or hospital fever.

For a history of the symptoms of
this ^{State of} fever I refer you to the works
of Sir John Pringle. I shall deliver
a few remarks upon ^{it} derived chiefly
from my own observations during
my attendance upon the military
~~It sometimes appears with~~
hospitals of the United States.

It ^{generally} ~~sometimes~~ appears with typhoid
or typhus symptoms but we now and
then see it with symptoms of great
morbid action. It appeared in this form
chiefly in the Officers of the American
Army whose constitutions had not
been reduced like those of the soldiers ^{by}

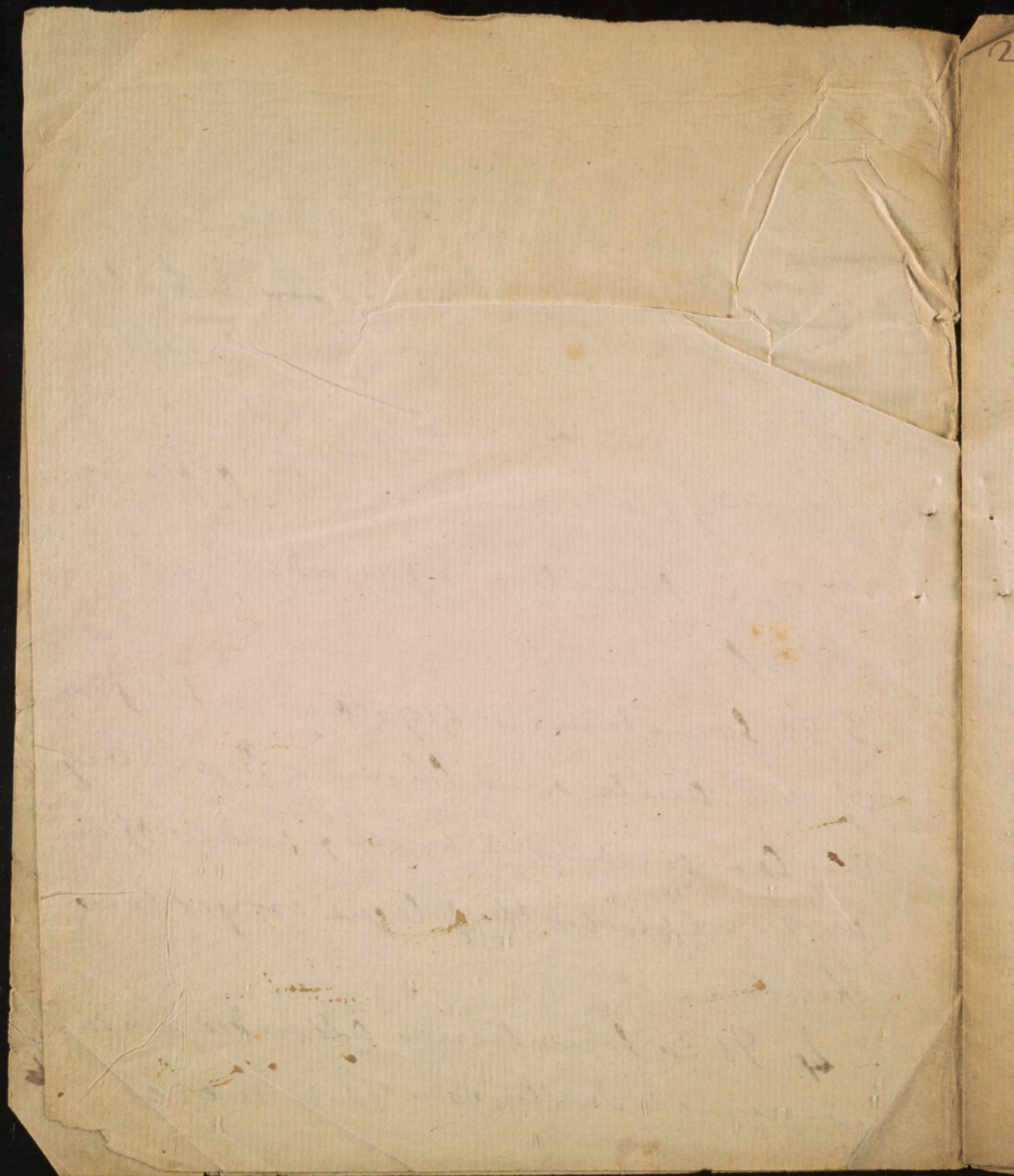


great previous fatigue or bad provisions
to that point of debility in which
reaction to the ^{typhoid or} typhus grade of fever
~~usually~~ ^{usually} takes place. The while
the fever in the soldiers required stimu-
lants only, ~~it~~ it required two or three
bloodings to cure it in the officers.

2 It is sometimes preceded by a ca-
tarrh.

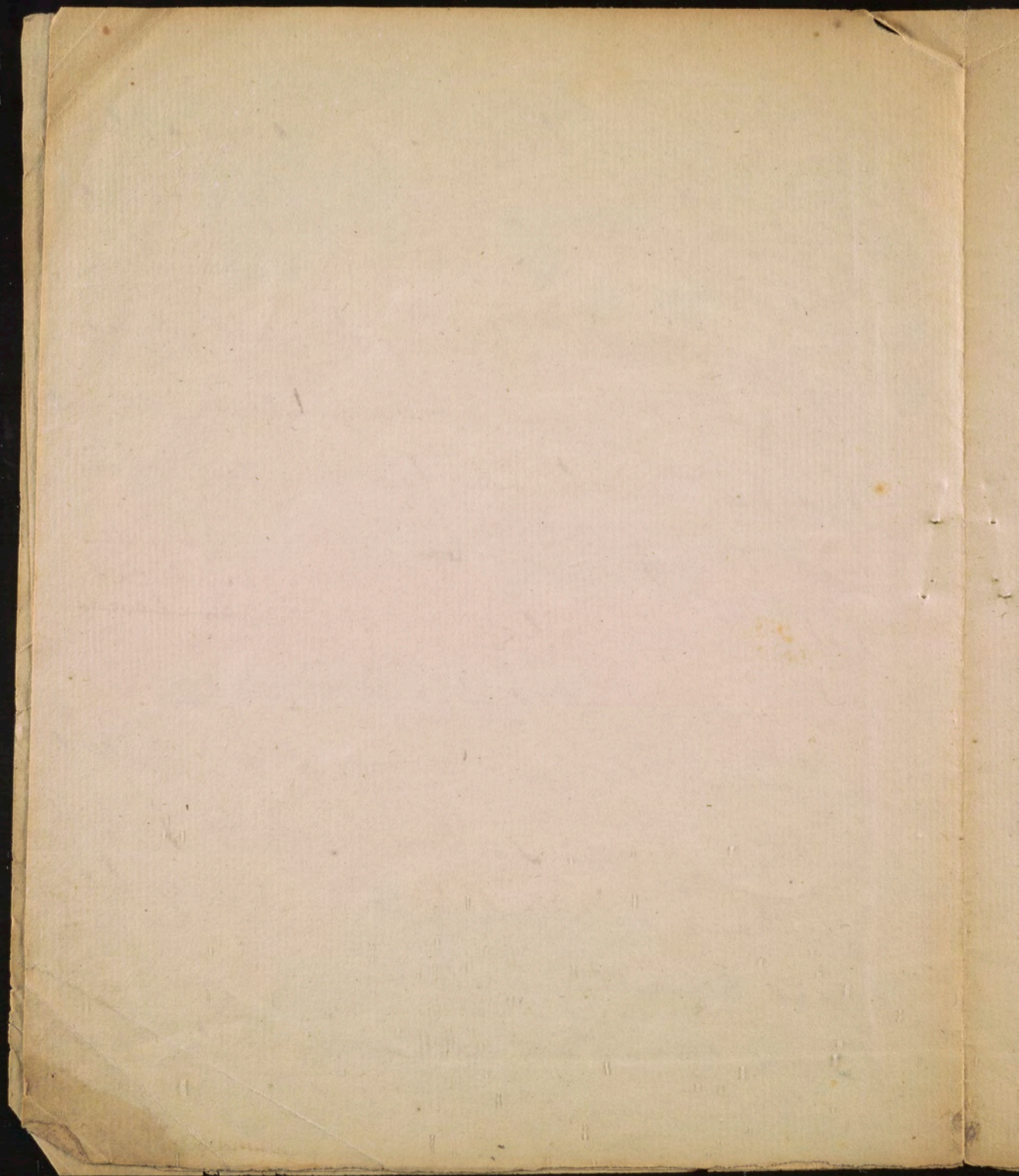
3 It sometimes appears in the form
of an acute and chronic Dysentery
in camps and navies, and is often
as mortal as the plague or yellow
fever.

4 It is sometimes attended with
inguinal swellings. They were



mistaken in the American Army
 for venereal diseases. I was enabled
 to correct the mistake by reading
 the introduction to Mourses' treatise
 upon military hospitals, a
 book which I always carried with
 me, and which led me to point
 out the remedies ^{for} of all the abuses
 which prevailed in the ^{medical} military
 Department of the Army, and for
 which I exposed myself to a great
 deal of obloquy, the history of which
 perhaps will at a future day be
 laid before the public.

5 It spread only by exerted contagion
 and in small or filthy or crowded

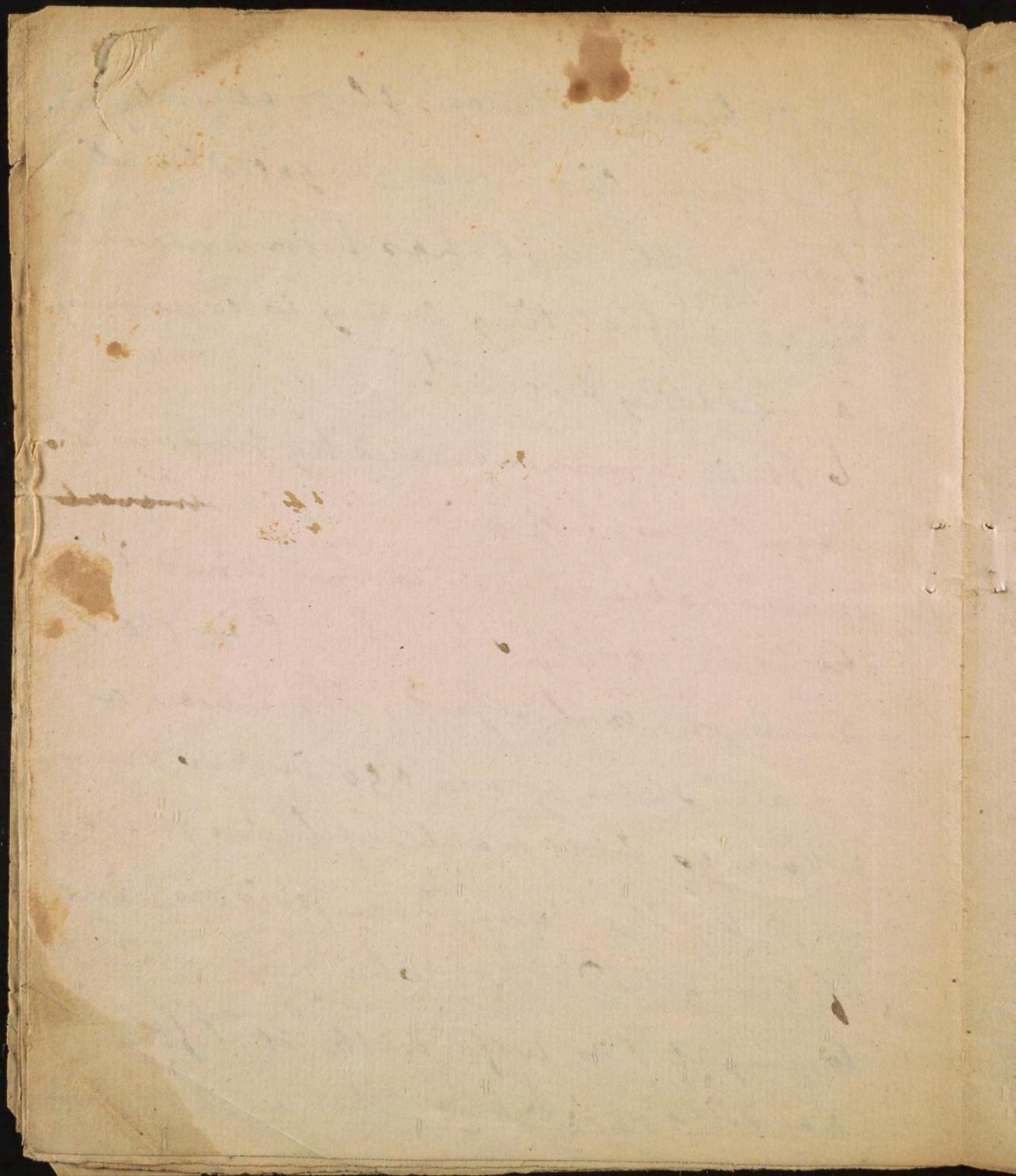


rooms. of this I mentioned several striking proofs formerly.

5 It spread only in cool or cold weather. Dr Thaxter says that during his two years residence in Jamaica as physician to the British Army he did not see a single case of it. The ^{baracks &} hospitals in which the soldiers were confined were constantly exposed to the open air by which means their miasmata were carried off, and thus prevented from producing a fever. Dr Filson informed me that it never appeared where soldiers slept in the open air instead of tents during the American war.

It is because troops sleep generally in the open air when engaged in active service, that it has been remarked that a "fighting army is commonly a healthy army".

It is communicated by persons who have it not. Of this there is ~~several~~ ^a remarkable instances mentioned in the writings of Sir John Pringle. Analogous to this fact, there was a man some years ago in New Jersey who was incapable of being prisoned by the common prison virus of our meadows, who never failed to infect his wife with it after handling, or being otherwise exposed



to it.

It is to be prevented by avoiding
all its remote, and exciting causes
formerly mentioned, and it is to be
cured by visiting our Remedies to all
its States whether typhoid, typhoid
or typhus, or whether it be of an
acute or Chronic Nature.

